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THE INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Indiana Historical Society was held at the Union Trust Building in Indianapolis on the afternoon of Thursday, December 26.

The president, Judge D. W. Howe, made a detailed statement of the work of the society for the past year.

The executive committee reported the publication during the year of

Vol. 4, No. 2. "The Word Hoosier," by Jacob Piatt Dunn.

Vol. 4, No. 3. "William Henry Harrison's Administration of Indiana Territory," by Prof. Homer J. Webster.

The treasurer reported —

Funds invested.....	\$3,000 00
Cash on hand	204 52
Total.....	<hr/> \$3,204 52

Charles W. Moores and Eliza G. Browning were appointed a committee on the publication of the names of Revolutionary pensioners who had lived in Indiana.

New members were elected as follows: Charles Pingpank, Murat H. Hopkins and Augustus L. Mason, all of Indianapolis.

Also honorary members as follows: Benjamin S. Parker, of New Castle, and Prof. Homer J. Webster, of Alliance, Ohio.

A resolution was adopted to invite the American Historical Association to meet in Indianapolis in 1910.

A resolution, printed in full on page 45, urging the collection and publication of information as to the Indian languages formerly spoken in this part of the country was passed and elicited the hearty endorsement of all who discussed it.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Judge D. W. Howe; first vice-president, Gen. John Coburn; second vice-president, Capt. W. E. English; third vice-president, Bishop Denis O'Donaghue; treasurer, Charles E. Coffin; recording secretary, J. P. Dunn; corresponding secretary, George S. Cottman; executive committee, John H. Hol-

liday, A. C. Harris, Charles W. Moores, Charles Martindale and J. P. Dunn.

HISTORICAL ADDRESSES.

Professor H. Morse Stephens, of the University of California, delivered three lectures in Indianapolis January 6, 7 and 8, under the auspices of the Indianapolis Public Schools, upon the subjects, "The Romans in Briton; the Value of Historical Fiction in the Teaching of History, as Illustrated in Kipling's Puck of Pook's Hill," "A Change in the Historical Perspective in Modern European History" and "The Napoleonic Period versus the Life of Napoleon; the Modern Point of View."

Professor Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard University, delivered two lectures in Indianapolis February 5 and 6, upon "The Real South" and "The Historical Geography of the United States."

BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTICES.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON'S ADMINISTRATION OF INDIANA TERRITORY.

The Indiana Historical Society has issued as No. 3 of Vol. IV of its publications, "William Henry Harrison's Administration of Indiana Territory," by Prof. Homer J. Webster, of Alliance, Ohio. It covers 120 pages, and is the most complete account of this period in Indiana that has been published. Of course, such a study necessarily includes a large amount of matter that is already accessible elsewhere, though in this case it is somewhat scattered in its other forms; but Professor Webster has done a large amount of original research and has added materially to the available information on this subject. One of the most interesting of his discoveries is the identity of the writer of the "Letters of Decius," and the history of that celebrated attack on General Harrison, which was the most famous political pamphlet of the Territory. Professor Webster discloses the fact that they were written by Isaac Darneille, and also brings out their satisfactory refutation. The publication is of the same style as the preceding publications of the society, and can be obtained of The Bobbs-Merrill Co. JACOB PIATT DUNN.